

CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Business Meeting
7:00 P.M.

February 21, 2012

POST SUMMARY MINUTES

PRESENT: Chairman Eldrin Bell, Vice-Chairman Wole Ralph, Commissioner Sonna Singleton, Commissioner Gail Hambrick, and Clerk Shelby D. Haywood.

1. Chairman Bell called the meeting to order.
2. Invocation was led by Minister Paula Forte-Wallace, Youth and Adult Minister of the Greater Solid Rock Baptist Church in Riverdale, Georgia. Pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Chairman Bell.
3. Amended the agenda by adding requests by Ms. Renee Bright, Director of Human Resources, to fill vacancies; adding Resolution 2012-40 (Authorizing Juvenile Court, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners, to apply for a Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Funding to support therapeutic services for high-risk designated felony offenders assigned to the Second Chance Court Program – requiring a local match of 10% local in-kind services); and deleting the Executive Session. At the request of Chairman Eldrin Bell, Clerk Haywood noted that she would read into the record a proclamation entitled “Clayton County Proclaims February 18, 2012 African American Heritage Day.” Chairman Bell had recently presented this proclamation to the Historical Jonesboro/Clayton County, Inc., African American History Committee. The agenda was adopted, as amended, as all commissioners had copies before them. The motion carried 4-0.
4. Approved the February 14, 2012 Regular Business Meeting minutes. The motion carried 4-0.
5. Clerk Haywood read into the record the following proclamation, as requested by Chairman Bell:

CLAYTON COUNTY PROCLAIMS FEBRUARY 18, 2012 AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE DAY

WHEREAS, Clayton County is a community rich in cultural heritage, and we celebrate the accomplishments of The First African American Families of Clayton County; and

WHEREAS, Clayton County has been home to many distinguished African Americans, including Alonzo Herndon, who came to Clayton County in the late 1800’s to open his first barber shop, a business that would, in time, provide him with the means to become the founder and president of one of the nation’s most successful African American-owned businesses, and to become one of Atlanta’s wealthiest African American citizens; and

WHEREAS, the ultimate story of triumph began in Clayton County nearly two centuries ago, by way of a 6-year old slave named Melvina, whose great great great granddaughter would become the First Lady of the United States of America; and

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WHEREAS, having provided a livelihood and domicile for these remarkable African Americans, Clayton County has cultivated individuals, both celebrated and unheralded alike, who have made extraordinary contributions to the county, the state of Georgia and the entire nation, and so deserves recognition for its considerable African American heritage; and

WHEREAS, the Historical Jonesboro/Clayton County, Inc., African American History Committee is to be commended for its outstanding efforts in organizing a day full of events that educate and inform.

Now, therefore I, Eldrin Bell, Chairman, on behalf of the Clayton County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim February 18, 2012, as African American Heritage Day in Clayton County, Georgia. Let us stand together, in a state of clarity and commitment, to educate ourselves, each other, and our children on the significant contributions made by African Americans. I welcome the new generation of African American families to Clayton County and challenge them to accept, with gratitude, their role as heirs to the victories of our pioneering families, and to continue their journey toward a more perfect and equal existence.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand
and caused the Seal of Clayton County, Georgia, to be
affixed this 18th day of February 2012.

Eldrin Bell, Chairman

Chairman Bell added to the record that Commissioner Sonna Singleton led the way in this effort along with Commissioner Gail Hambrick. He had joined them later on February 18, 2012 to present this proclamation to some very fine family members who were in attendance. Chairman Bell then thanked Clerk Haywood for reading the proclamation to be recorded as a part of the minutes.

6. Theodis Locke, Interim Director of Central Services/Risk Management, presented these items which resulted in the following actions. (NOTE: The Board voted on all of these items at once.)

1) Approved a bid (RFB #11-40; 12/21/11) for an annual contract for preventive maintenance, inspections and servicing of County owned generators located throughout the County. The recommendation is to award a contract to Power Pro-Tech Services, located in Altamonte Springs, Florida, with a service location in Ball Ground, Georgia, whose firm had the lowest overall responsive bid. Funding is available through the Building and Maintenance General Funds. The motion carried 4-0.

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2) Approved the renewal of the county's crime policy for the period of March 1, 2012 to March 1, 2013, under the National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, PA (Chartis), and granted approval to the Finance Director to amend the budget as necessary. The crime policy coverage is acquired to protect the county from financial losses; i.e., theft, robbery, computer fraud, forgery, falsification, etc. This policy will be renewed at the same rate as last year – \$9,856.00. The motion carried 4-0.

3) Approved the purchase of public official surety bonds for the period of March 1, 2012 to March 1, 2013 and granted approval to the Finance Director to amend the budget as necessary. Surety bonds for public officials are required either by state statute or a local ordinance. These are surety bonds for public officials who are bonded to the Probate Court and/or the Governor's Office. The recommendation is to purchase them from Western Surety Company (a business that provided the best offer out of six [6] companies that the broker carried to market), in the amount of \$10,068.50. The motion carried 4-0.

7. Angela Jackson, Director of Finance, brought forth the following two (2) budget amendments which resulted in these actions. (NOTE: The Board voted on both items at once.)

1) Approved Budget Amendment #2-22, in the amount of \$240,000.00, to provide miscellaneous building and maintenance repairs. The motion carried 4-0.

2) Approved Budget Amendment #4-32, in the amount of \$276,065.00, to establish the budget for right-of-way acquisition services for Anvilblock Road. Funds are available in the 2004 SPLOST. The motion carried 4-0.

8. Renee Bright, Director of Human Resources, presented the following requests to fill four (4) vacancies which resulted in these actions. (NOTE: The Board voted on all of these items at once.)

1) Approved a request to fill the vacancy of a Custodian/Courier position in the Transportation and Development Department (Pay Grade 9; salary of \$21,625.00). The motion carried 4-0.

2) Approved a request to fill the vacancy of a Corrections Officer II position in the Clayton County Prison (Pay Grade 20; salary of \$37,354.00). The motion carried 4-0.

3) Approved a request to fill the vacancy of a Commercial Appraiser III position in the Tax Assessors Office (Pay Grade 20; salary of \$37,354.00). The motion carried 4-0.

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4) Approved a request to fill the vacancy of a Deputy Sheriff II position in the Sheriff's Office (Pay Grade 20; salary of \$37,354.00). The motion carried 4-0.

9. Approved Resolution 2012-35 authorizing Clayton County to enter into a lease agreement for auxiliary office space for the Police Department; to authorize the Chairman to execute the agreement, and otherwise perform all acts necessary to accomplish the intent of this resolution; to authorize the Finance Director to amend the budget where necessary to reflect an appropriate revenue source and expense; to provide an effective date of this resolution; and for other purposes. The motion carried 4-0.

10. Approved Resolution 2012-36 authorizing Clayton County to enter into a grant agreement with the Department of Homeland Security, Metro Atlanta Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) in the amount of \$168,249.00 to formally receive chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear detection equipment to build the capabilities to enhance Homeland Security with no matching county funds. The motion carried 4-0.

11. Approved Ordinance 2012-37, an ordinance to amend the Code of Clayton County, Georgia, as amended, specifically Chapter 42, "Fire Prevention and Protection"; Article VI, "Special Operations and Response"; to repeal conflicting laws, ordinances, and resolutions; to provide for severability; to provide an effective date of this ordinance; and for other purposes. The motion carried 4-0.

12. Approved Resolution 2012-38 authorizing the county to enter into a services agreement with Fire Recovery USA, LLC, providing for the terms and conditions under which billing services will be rendered to the county in connection with motor vehicle incidents. The motion carried 4-0.

13. Approved Resolution 2012-39 authorizing Clayton County to enter into an agreement with Griffin & Strong to develop legislation based on a Disparity Study conducted on Clayton County; to authorize the Chairman to execute the agreement and otherwise to perform all other acts necessary to accomplish the intent of this resolution; etc. The motion carried 4-0.

14. Approved Resolution 2012-40 authorizing Clayton County Juvenile Court, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners, to apply for a Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Funding to support therapeutic services for high-risk designated felony offenders assigned to the Second Chance Court Program; to authorize the Chairman to execute the grant application and otherwise to perform all other acts necessary to accomplish the intent of the resolution; to authorize the Finance Director to amend the budget where necessary to reflect an appropriate revenue source and expense, all as may be required; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes. A local match of 10% local in-kind services is required. The motion carried 4-0.

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Linda Slagle, a resident of Rex, Georgia, stated that it appears the county budget is amended regularly to pull SPLOST funds from 2004 (or some prior year). It is confusing for the average citizen to understand why monies are left over from 2004 in this tight economy. Ms. Slagle also specifically questioned Resolution 2012-39 that authorized the county to enter into an agreement with Griffin & Strong to develop legislation based on a Disparity Study on Clayton County. She wondered if a dollar amount were tied to this study or if it were a blanket type agreement; if Griffin & Strong initially did the Disparity Study; if Griffin & Strong were known as a reputable company; and if a budget source had been identified to finance this endeavor.

Chairman Bell replied that the Board of Commissioners does not normally answer all of these questions in the Regular Business meetings. Since he did not wish to depart from that practice, Chairman Bell advised Ms. Slagle to have a discussion with Interim County Attorney Jack Hancock after the meeting. He assured her that Mr. Hancock could answer every question she had posed in an expeditious manner.

There being no further business to discuss, motion by Vice-Chairman Ralph, second by Commissioner Singleton, to adjourn the Regular Business Meeting of February 21, 2012 at 7:18 p.m. The motion carried 4-0.